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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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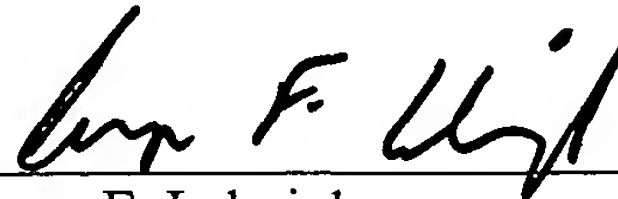
request for continued examination (RCE) under § 1.114, and therefore, no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of an International Search Report and a German Office Action from foreign patent offices in counterpart applications citing such documents, together with an English-language version (if not already included) of those portions of the Office Action indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent offices.

In addition, a concise statement of relevance for DE 297 14 517 is found in the Background discussion of the above-identified application.

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